

WHITEWATER

Special Committee to Investigate the Whitewater Development Corporation and Related Matters: Committee resumed hearings to examine issues relative to the

Whitewater Development Corporation, receiving testimony from Susan Strayhorn, on behalf of the Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan.

Committee will meet again on Tuesday, February 6.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 37 public bills, H.R. 2924–2960; 1 private bill, H.R. 2961; and 12 resolutions, H.J. Res. 159, H. Con. Res. 141–145, and H. Res. 356–361 were introduced. **Pages H1223–26**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 355, providing for the consideration of H.R. 2924, to guarantee the timely payment of Social Security benefits in March 1996 (H. Rept. 104–460); and

H.R. 2406, to repeal the United States Housing Act of 1937, deregulate the public housing program and the program for rental housing assistance for low-income families, and increase community control over such programs, amended (H. Rept. 104–461). **Page H1223**

Recess: House recessed at 10:03 a.m. and reconvened at 1:01 p.m. **Page H1141**

Address by the President of France: The House and Senate met in a joint meeting to receive an address by the President of France. His Excellency Jacques Chirac was escorted to and from the House Chamber by Senators Lott, Cochran, Mack, Thurmond, Coverdell, Daschle, Breaux, Pell, Inouye, and Reid; and by Representatives Armey, Cox, Gilman, Bereuter, Gephardt, Kennelly, Hoyer, and Hamilton. **Pages H1141–44**

Telecommunications Act: By a recorded vote of 414 ayes to 16 noes, Roll No. 25, the House agreed to the conference report on S. 652, to provide for a competitive, deregulatory national policy framework designed to accelerate rapidly private sector deployment of advanced telecommunications and information technologies and services to all Americans by opening all telecommunications markets to competition. **Pages H1145–79**

H. Res. 353, the rule which waived points of order against consideration of the conference report was agreed to earlier by a yeas-and-nays vote of 337 yeas to 80 nays, Roll No. 24. **Pages H1145–54**

Question of Privilege of the House: The Chair ruled that H. Res. 356, to protect the creditworthi-

ness of the United States and avoid default of the United States Government, did not constitute a question of privilege of the House and was not in order. **Pages H1179–82**

Subsequently, agreed to the Solomon motion to table the appeal of the ruling of the Chair (agreed to by a recorded vote of 229 yeas to 187 noes, Roll No. 26). **Page H1182**

Question of Privilege of the House: The Chair ruled that H. Res. 354, relating to a question of the privileges of the House, did not constitute a question of privilege of the House and was not in order. **Pages H1182–85**

Subsequently, agreed to the Solomon motion to table the appeal of the ruling of the Chair (agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 229 yeas to 181 noes, Roll No. 27). **Page H1184**

District Work Period: By a recorded vote of 207 yeas to 199 noes, Roll No. 29, the House agreed to H. Con. Res. 141, providing for an adjournment of the two Houses. **Pages H1196–97**

Social Security Benefits: By a yeas-and-nays vote of 396 yeas, Roll No. 30, the House passed H.R. 2924, to guarantee the timely payment of Social Security benefits in March 1996. **Pages H1197–H1200**

H. Res. 355, the rule under which the bill was considered was agreed to earlier by a voice vote. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question on the resolution by a yeas-and-nays vote of 229 yeas to 178 nays, Roll No. 28. **Pages H1185–96**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Hoekstra wherein he resigns as a member of the Committee on the Budget. **Page H1200**

Committee Election: House agreed to H. Res. 357, electing Representative Neumann to the Committee on the Budget. **Page H1200**

Designation of Speaker Pro Tempore: Read and accepted a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Morella to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through Monday, February 26, 1996. **Page H1200**

Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Mfume wherein he resigns as a Member of the House of Representatives effective February 18, 1996.

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Gold Medal for Ruth and Billy Graham: House agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2657, to award a congressional gold medal to Ruth and Billy Graham—clearing the measure for the President.

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Extension of Remarks: It was made in order that all Members shall have the privilege for the legislative day of today to extend their remarks and to include extraneous material in that section of the Record entitled "Extensions of Remarks".

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Resignations—Appointments: It was made in order that, notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until Monday, February 26, 1996, the Speaker and the Minority Leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of February 28.

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Adjournment Authority: It was made in order that when the House adjourns on the calendar day of Friday, February 2, 1996 (legislative day of Thursday, February 1, 1996), it stand adjourned until 8 p.m. on Tuesday, February 6, 1996, unless the House sooner receives a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in H. Con. Res. 141, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

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Recess: House recessed at 10:38 p.m. and reconvened at 12:01 a.m.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1196.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1153–54, H1179, H1182, H1184, H1195–96, H1197, and H1199–H1200.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and, pursuant to the previous order of the House, adjourned at 12:01 a.m. until Tuesday, February 6.

Committee Meetings

PUBLIC UTILITY REGULATORY POLICIES ACT—INCREASINGLY COMPETITIVE ELECTRICITY MARKETS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held an oversight hearing on the Public Util-

ity Regulatory Policies Act and its Role in Increasingly Competitive Electricity Markets. Testimony was heard from Representative Stearns; the following officials of the Department of Energy: Charles Curtis, Deputy Secretary; and Elizabeth Moler, Chair, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; and public witnesses.

BOSNIA—PEACE WITH JUSTICE

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Prospects for Peace with Justice in Bosnia. Testimony was heard from John Shattuck, Assistant Secretary, Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, Department of State.

SOCIAL SECURITY GUARANTEE ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a closed rule providing for the consideration in the House of H.R. 2924, to guarantee the timely payment of Social Security benefits in March 1996. The bill shall be debatable for 1 hour. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit. The motion to recommit may include instructions only if offered by the Minority Leader or his designee. Testimony was heard from Chairman Archer and Representative Gibbons.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Met in executive session to consider pending business.

Joint Meetings

TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPETITION AND DEREGULATION ACT

Conferees on Wednesday, January 31, agreed to file a conference report on S. 652, to provide for a pro-competitive, deregulatory national policy framework designed to accelerate rapidly private sector deployment of advanced telecommunications and information technologies and services to all Americans by opening all telecommunications markets to competition.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1996

Senate

No meetings are scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee, to hold hearings to examine the employment-unemployment situation for January, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.